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MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. AMBASSADOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:
IT IS KIND OF ALL OF YOU TO MEET ME HERE SO LATE ON
THIS SUNDAY EVENING. AND I MUST CONFESS THAT I AM DELIGHTED
TO VISIT VIENNA, WHERE SOME OTHER DIPLOMATS HAVE MADE A NAME
FOR THEMSELVES IN THE PAST.

AS YOU KNOW, I AM HERE PRIMARILY TO HAVE INFORMAL
MEETINGS WITH THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER AND ALSO TO HAVE
DISCUSSIONS WITH CHANCELLOR KREISKY.

I FELT, TOO, THAT AFTER MY LAST PRESS CONFERENCE IN
SALZBURG, I SHOULD APPEAR AGAIN IN AUSTRIA TO SHOW THAT I
AM ALIVE AND WELL.

I WANT TO SAY WITH ALL SINCERITY, HOWEVER, THAT THE
HOSPITALITY OF THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH
THESE MEETINGS IS MOST APPRECIATED. IT DEMONSTRATES AGAIN
THE IMPORTANT AND USEFUL ROLE THIS FREE, INDEPENDENT, AND
GENUINELY NEUTRAL COUNTRY CONTINUES TO PLAY IN OUR JOINT
SEARCH FOR PEACE.

ALSO, ALTHOUGH I AM A FEW DAYS LATE, I WOULD LIKE
TO CONGRATULATE ALL AUSTRIANS ON THEIR GREAT SUCCESSES
DURING TWENTY YEARS OF FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE.

THANK YOU. BUCHANAN

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